

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 747  
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor The Honorable W. H. "Bill" Dudley on  
the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in  
their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion;  
and

WHEREAS, Bill Dudley is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and  
acuity for 60 years with the Greenfield Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, he exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great  
Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dudley began his meritorious career with the Greenfield Fire  
Department in 1938 and served with acumen and dedication as Fire Chief for 54 remarkable  
years; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1940, Bill married the former Virginia Travis, and the couple's  
blessed union produced three fine children; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dudley has been an active and vital part of Greenfield and Weakley  
County, serving with distinction as a City Alderman for 12 years and as a County Commissioner  
for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, ever one to shoulder the mantle of civic responsibility, Mr. Dudley has  
astutely served on the Weakley County Election Commission since 1987; and

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WHEREAS, since 1948, Bill Dudley has been the owner of the Dudley Sheet Metal Shop, which has been in the Dudley family for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dudley has been a devout member of the First United Methodist Church of Greenfield for over 60 years, and has admirably served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for several years; and

WHEREAS, Chief Dudley will be succeeded as fire chief by his son, Bob, who has had years of experience with both the Martin and Greenfield Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Bill Dudley is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Virginia Travis Dudley; his children, Ann Margaret Stewart, Billy Jean Mackin and Robert "Bob" Travis Dudley, his four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bill Dudley's adroit qualities include perhaps the most valuable of all skills, the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to W. H. "Bill" Dudley our sincere thanks for a lifetime of service, our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, and for continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.